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Applicant(s): Schmidbauer, et al.
Serial No.: 10/825,474
For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MELTING OR REFINING
GLASSES OR GLASS CERAMICS
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Examiner: Tu Ba HOANG
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application.

We are also enclosing a copy of EP 0 528 052 B1 that is listed in form PTO-1449:

The following citations were either (1) cited by or (2) submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in priority application Serial No. **09/807,945**, filed **July 12, 2001** which issued as U.S. Patent No. **6,751,989** on **June 22, 2004**. Accordingly, copies of the following references have not been submitted herewith. (37 C.F.R. §1.98(d)):

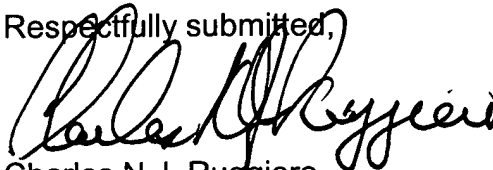
U.S. Patent Nos.: 2,252,756; 2,908,739; 3,127,155; 3,632,335; 3,875,322;
3,888,650; 4,049,384; 4,441,191; 4,589,637; 4,687,646; 4,792,536; 5,383,049;
5,509,951; 5,609,661; 4,014,403 and 6,058,741. German Patent No. 33 16546;
French Patent Nos. 2,6513351 and 2768257, Great Britain Patent No. 225211,
Japanese Patent No. 57-095834 and Patent Abstract of Japan – JP 57 095834A,
June 14, 1982.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the citations that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed citations and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the date of the first Office Action, but before the mailing date of a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311, provided that this occurs prior to the final action, the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is enclosed;

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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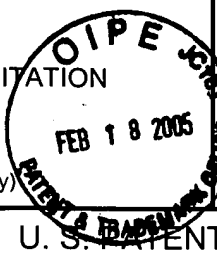
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